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FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

FOLLOWING REPEAT MOSCOW 16274 ACTION SECSTATE INFO USUN JUL 12

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 16274

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OXMAN VISIT; AGENDA FOR AUGUST BILATERAL

REF: (A) STATE 173569, (B) STATE 174591

1. YAKOVLEV HAS INFORMED EMBASSY BY TELEPHONE JULY 12 THAT SOVIET SIDE LOOKS FORWARD TO OXMAN VISIT JULY 23-25. SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET ORGANIZED FIRM PROGRAM BUT ARE PLANNING FOR MEETINGS JULY 24-25, WITH POSSIBLY A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR KHLESTOV ON JULY 24. YAKOVLEV DEMURRED WHEN POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH KHLESTOV ON JULY 23 WAS BROACHED, SAYING THAT "SOVIET SIDE" IS ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO BE ON LEAVE DURING THIS PERIOD AND MEETING WITH KHLESTOV ON SUNDAY THEREFORE SEEMS OUT OF QUESTION. YAKOVLEV SAID THAT
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AMBASSADOR KHLESTOV WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENT ON JULY 24 FOR PERSONAL MEETING WITH OXMAN.

2. REGARDING U.S.-SOVIET BILATERAL AUGUST 18, YAKOVLEV NOTED DOWN PR AGENDA (PARA 1, REF B) AND U.S. PLANS TO HOST LUNCH FOR FIVE. ON AGENDA HE ONLY OBSERVED THAT IT SEEMED VERY GENERAL, PERHAPS

NOT SPECIFIC ENOUGH.

3. ON SUBSTANCE OF OXMAN MEETING, YAKOVLEV SAID HE HOPED OXMAN WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SECOND PART OF THE SESSION (L 31). HE ALSO REMINDED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE WAITING FOR A "MORE PROFOUND" STATEMENT OF THE U.S. POSITION ON SEABED FINANCIAL MATTERS. YAKOVLEV ALSO NOTED IN PASSING THE IMPORTANCE OF DUE ATTENTION TO THE PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES ON DELIMITATION.

4. EMBOFF WILL BE MEETING WITH YAKOVLEV EARLY NEXT WEEK TO OBTAIN CLEARER IDEA OF SOVIET PROGRAM AND EXPECTATIONS FOR OXMAN VISIT. MATLOCK.
MUNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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